



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 8, 2012. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 8, 2012. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 8, 2012 were 5.90 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	August 4, 2012	August 11, 2012	August 18, 2012	August 25, 2012	September 1, 2012	September 8, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,360	27,840	27,300	27,927	27,163	26,639
Arkansas	21,130	21,057	20,944	20,651	20,757	19,074
Delaware	3,497	3,279	3,176	3,286	3,259	3,143
Florida	1,353	1,352	1,353	1,349	1,347	1,353
Georgia	31,739	31,773	31,810	31,721	31,331	30,962
Kentucky	7,601	7,738	7,622	7,641	7,616	7,249
Louisiana	3,165	3,211	3,135	3,167	3,211	3,285
Maryland	7,595	7,254	7,341	7,346	6,944	6,932
Mississippi	17,667	17,075	16,724	16,168	16,326	16,513
Missouri	7,863	8,036	8,022	8,032	7,708	8,037
North Carolina	19,600	19,222	19,474	19,688	19,445	18,217
Oklahoma	6,476	6,276	6,891	6,686	6,693	6,539
Pennsylvania	3,538	3,398	3,655	3,726	3,584	3,532
South Carolina	5,313	5,328	5,173	5,265	4,721	5,402
Texas	14,394	13,789	13,066	13,491	12,731	13,540
Virginia	6,089	6,074	6,043	6,049	5,985	5,798
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,678	10,322	10,053	10,316	10,521	10,110
19 State total	195,058	193,024	191,782	192,509	189,342	186,325
Previous year total	195,036	194,164	193,090	193,007	189,258	185,218
Percent of previous year	100	99	99	100	100	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	August 4, 2012	August 11, 2012	August 18, 2012	August 25, 2012	September 1, 2012	September 8, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,749	19,688	19,872	20,005	20,056	19,993
Arkansas	17,406	18,903	19,160	19,431	19,027	20,937
Delaware	3,361	4,085	4,394	4,577	4,947	4,023
Florida	1,138	1,010	1,304	1,248	1,186	1,105
Georgia	28,124	28,416	26,860	26,659	26,271	25,819
Kentucky	6,483	6,683	5,893	6,126	6,404	6,403
Louisiana	3,067	2,794	2,796	2,836	2,871	2,857
Maryland	6,452	6,135	6,483	5,682	5,738	6,350
Mississippi	15,326	15,357	15,258	15,202	14,397	14,411
Missouri	6,071	5,711	5,029	5,723	5,854	4,937
North Carolina	16,407	15,503	15,323	15,684	15,827	15,780
Oklahoma	4,914	3,896	4,892	4,163	4,437	3,843
Pennsylvania	3,157	2,911	2,901	2,953	2,838	3,038
South Carolina	4,033	4,049	4,453	4,587	3,847	5,263
Texas	12,169	12,224	12,010	11,882	11,448	10,650
Virginia	5,327	5,224	4,721	4,918	3,877	4,503
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,479	9,857	11,038	10,797	11,021	9,684
19 State total	163,663	162,446	162,387	162,473	160,046	159,596
Previous year total	164,050	162,336	161,039	162,943	160,923	160,203
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	100	99	100

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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